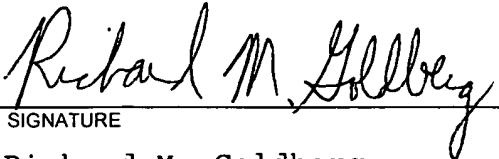


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/GB2003/002881</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>July 4, 2003</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>July 5, 2002</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>MICROWAVABLE FOOD PACKAGE HAVING A VENTING VALVE</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Richard SMITH</b>		
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It is respectfully requested that the above-identified PCT application be granted a filing date within the January 5, 2004 convention term (30 months), based on PCT Application No. PCT/GB2003/002881, filed July 4, 2003, and on Great Britain application No. 0215603.2, filed July 5, 2002 and Great Britain application No. 0222135.6, filed September 24, 2002.

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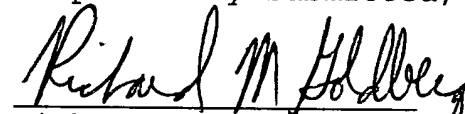
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